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Spotlight on School

Residents Tour Newly-Renovated ORR

By Kenneth J. Souza

Despite the spring-like weather outside, a sizeable number of residents from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester spent last Sunday afternoon (February 29) touring the interior of the newly-renovated and expanded Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High School facility on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The new school building represents the culmination of a planning process that started some eight to nine years ago, according to ORR Building Committee Chairman Mike Dahill, and took three years and plenty of fits and starts to complete construction.

"It's my distinct pleasure to stand here today and say 'thank you,'" Mr. Dahill said to attendees gathered in the spiffy, new ORR Auditorium. "At the time this project was bid, it was the largest school project in Massachusetts ... and it's the largest public works project (the tri-towns) have ever undertaken."

Mr. Dahill heaped praise on all the various contractors, subcontractors, architects, and project managers who diligently worked to get the project finished — the progress of which was amusingly measured by the size of the "mound of dirt" out front which alternately increased and decreased over time — and he also expressed his deep appreciation to the residents of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester for footing the bill.

"I congratulate the towns for going above and beyond the call of duty," agreed School Superintendent Dr. William Cooper.

These sentiments were echoed by both principals at the junior and senior high schools.

"Today, thanks to (the tri-towns), we have a very modern and very special facility," said ORR Junior High School Principal Stephen Helman. "You've given them a state of the art facility and for that I thank you."

"On behalf of the staff and students at the high school, I want to thank all three communities," ORR High School Principal Bruce Clarke said. "Hopefully we can fulfill the dream of being among the top school districts in the Commonwealth."

A large portion of the project was also funded through the efforts of various state legislators, who

Above: *The Old Rochester Regional District School Committee recently honored Janice Baker at their February meeting for her outstanding contributions to the success of the ORR Junior High School science program. Ms. Baker is seen here accepting a recognition award from Sheri Gay, Vice Chairman of the ORR District School Committee.*

On the cover: *ORR High School freshman Douglas Zeppenfeld of Mattapoisett (center) demonstrates a music software program for Marion residents Tinker and Bill Saltonstall (far right) during an Open House held at Old Rochester Regional High School last weekend while fellow ORR freshmen Tom Debortoli (Mattapoisett) and Aaron Valente (Rochester) look on in the background. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Above: *Members of the ORR Junior High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Jim Farmer, are seen here performing during the recent "Building Project Celebration" held last Sunday, February 29 at ORR. (Photo by and courtesy of Wayne Kellum).*

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worked to get the project locked in at a nearly 65 percent reimbursement rate, and they added their kudos to the mix as well, citing the tri-towns' invaluable investment in the future.

"Although we're here celebrating the building, the most important asset we have are the people who come here everyday," said State Representative and Mattapoisett resident William Straus. "Nearly two-thirds of the cost of this project is being borne by (the state) ... which will save the three towns several million dollars."

"I think it's one of the finest schools I've seen in Massachusetts," added State Senator Joan Menard, who now represents Rochester. "I'm so delighted you've chosen to make a commitment to the students of (Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester)."

"We've made a commitment to the future," said State Senator Mark Montigny. "A great deal of congratulations are in order, particularly to those who voted to take a chance on this project."

"I'd (also) like to say thank you to the teachers, students, and the staff (here at ORR)," Mr. Dahill added. "It was a challenge for everyone who had to live here, but they all handled it with good humor."

Several ORR students were on hand to provide guided tours of the new junior and senior high school facilities, which now share a common cafeteria "hub," according to ORR School Committee Chairman Deborah DeWalt.

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Teacher Recognition

ORR Honors Science Instructor

The Old Rochester Regional District School Committee recently honored **Janice Baker** at the February meeting for her outstanding contributions to the success of the ORR Junior High School science program. Ms. Baker is a resident of Mattapoisett who is in her second year with the ORR faculty. She has quickly gained a most positive reputation in the district for her creative and challenging science lessons and for her willingness to go to great lengths to provide authentic field experiences for her students. The ORR Junior High School science students have done extensive work with the eco-systems of the Buzzard's Bay region. Additionally, Ms. Baker has become an important resource person for her department colleagues presenting workshops on the science of teaching science.

Sheri Gay, Vice Chairperson of the ORR District School Committee, presented Ms. Baker with the recognition award at the February meeting of the committee.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 1, 2004

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Barry J. Denham. Also present were Selectman Raymond H. Andrews, Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Town

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Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

After signing necessary bills and vouchers for the week, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 23 Selectmen's meeting. They then voted to accept the resignation of Cynthia Johnson, 3 Pine Island Road, from the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership. A letter of appreciation for her service will be sent from the board to Ms. Johnson. The next vote was to support the Buzzards Bay Oil Spill Prevention Statement of Principles.

At 7:05 pm, the board met with Daniel Mahoney, 1 Goodspeed Island, and after hearing his computer and business experience, voted unanimously to appoint him to the Computer Advisory Board (CAB).

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The next appointment at 7:10 pm was with Todd Pacheco, 9 Brookside Drive, a landscaper, who was appointed to the Mattapoisett Tree Planting Committee.

At 7:15 pm, the board met with Beverly A. Butler, 4 Holly Street, and voted to appoint her to the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership.

The appointment of Donna DeRose, 2 Dupont Drive, to the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership was postponed to a future meeting because she was not present.

The Selectmen expressed their appreciation to all who have volunteered to serve on the various committees because the town could not function without the generous donation of their time and talents.

The final appointment for the evening at 7:25 pm was with the owner of Seahorse Wine and Spirits Package Store in regards to Sunday opening. The proposed hours of operation at the business are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. The board voted unanimously to grant the Sunday opening to Seahorse Wine and Spirits as per a recent change in state law.

Selectman Denham then discussed the Senior Workoff plan which allows senior residents to work approximately 94 hours in a calendar year to earn a $750 abatement on their Real Estate Tax bills. The are some outside painting and other jobs coming up, and any senior resident interested in this type of work, or other clerical work, should see Melody Pacheco at the Town

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Hall. In addition, Mr. Denham wished to bring to the attention of the public that there are blue star banners available from the Veterans Affairs Office for the close relatives of anyone who is serving in the military during the current war.

During an excellent visual presentation and explanation of the town's current financial status from Chief Financial Officer and Town Accountant Judy Mooney which showed projected revenues for FY 2004, the operating budget for FY 2004, and projected revenues for 2005, both Ms. Mooney and Town Administrator Botelho, along with the Selectmen, expressed concerned that using the town's available Free Cash for current expenses is a dangerous method for balancing the budget which is mandated by law. All departments in the town, except the School Committee, have accepted a zero (0) percent increase in their budgets for FY 2005.

A lengthy discussion between residents who were present and the board, Ms. Mooney, and Mr. Botelho followed which was very informative. The Selectmen agreed that a memo should be sent to both the Finance Committee (FinCom) and the School Committee stressing that the Board of Selectmen cannot support anything over the current budget appropriations.

Resident Dan Goodman, who was present, suggested that future thought might be given to the idea of regionalizing the entire school system. Selectman Denham explained that there were several reasons that this might not be cost-effective, but a careful study of the ramifications might be pertinent.

Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho then listed the meetings he will be attending during the upcoming week. Selectman Andrews will attend the School Building Committee meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 4:30 pm at Town Hall. Selectman Denham will attend the Water District Commission Meeting in Fairhaven.

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The next regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, March 15 at 7:00 pm.

The final order of business was a meeting with resident and parent Jim O'Dowd who is very concerned because the entire academic Latin program at ORR High School is in danger of being eliminated. Some examples of the impact this will have on over 100 students are: a senior who will not graduate because he cannot complete the second year of Latin as his two-year language requirement; a three-year Latin student who will not be able to apply for a four-year Latin Scholarship; students in Grade 7 and 8 who have fulfilled a one-year Latin requirement will now be forced to begin another language in Grade 9

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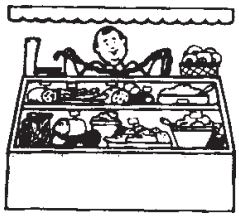

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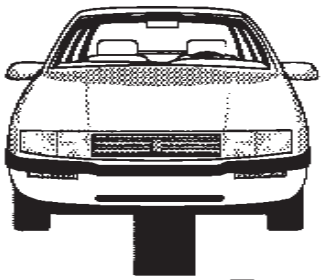

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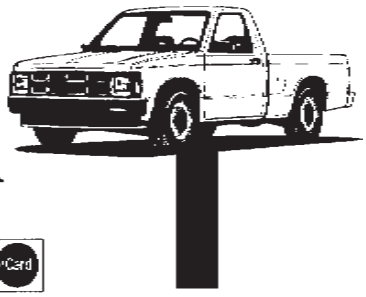

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Selectman Lombard pointed out that at a previous meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and the Chairman of the School Committee, the board was totally opposed to the cutting of any programs in order to fund their budget. Under the law, the Selectmen have no authority to demand that the School Committee meet any requests, but a letter will be sent to the Superintendent reiterating their position.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:40 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

March 2, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Andrew Jeffrey. Also present were Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver. Selectman Benjamin Bryant was not present for the meeting.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• A letter from the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) advising of the reopening of portions of the Weweantic River to the taking of shellfish, effective now through March 15, 2004. Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow, who was present at the meeting, noted more and more areas in Marion and neighboring towns are reopening for shellfishing in the aftermath of last year's devastating oil spill.

• Memo from the Conservation Commission (ConCom) regarding the proposed paving of the Island Wharf parking lot. ConCom Chairman Jeffrey Oakes cited that a Notice of Intent needs to be filed with them for the

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• Letter from the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) regarding changes in Buzzards Bay's ecosystem. As such, Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator Tony Williams would like to meet with the board to discuss "a new public education project we have been working on to expand awareness of local water quality issues." With the upcoming Town Meeting and budget issues pending, the board suggested meeting with Mr. Williams in late March or April.

Under Action Items, the board first considered supporting legislation spearheaded by the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) aimed at preventing future oil spills in state waters like the Bouchard barge mishap last year. The board unanimously voted to lend its support to this measure and agreed to draft a letter to the CBB to that effect.

The board also voted to appoint Betsy Parks to the Marion Council on Aging Board (COA) as per a recommendation from COA Director Susan Schwager. Ms. Parks will fill a vacancy left by Hoyt Watson.

The board also unanimously voted to grant permission to install a new gas service main at 8 Giffords Corner Road upon an application from NStar Gas.

At 7:10 pm the board met with members of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) to discuss proposed by-law changes, long-range planning goals, and commercial moorings.

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"I guess this is just sort of an update (with the MRC)," Chairman Jeffrey said. "I think it's important because nothing happens in a vacuum and I think some of the frustrations you're dealing with ... aren't just centered around your committee. Hopefully, (after this) you can go back and work on specific ideas."

The MRC and Harbormaster Charles Bradley are jointly proposing new "Float and Outhaul Regulations" and changes in the "Float Permits/Vessel Harbor Permits Regulations" which will go before Town Meeting voters. They also are placing an article on the Town Meeting warrant to amend "Section 7.4.5 - Piers As An Accessory Use" of the town by-laws under the purview of the Planning Board.

"In essence, what was done was to use the data from the Shellfish Officer, Harbormaster, and DEP records, and go over town waters and identify the highest quality resource areas," said MRC member Vincent Malkoski. "That would be a Planning Board By-Law, but it's a joint effort. We have no authority (to enforce) by-laws."

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"I'm pleased to see that it's going forward, and I do hope it gets through Town Meeting," Chairman Jeffrey said.

On a related matter, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted they had received an application for an aquaculture license from MRC member Scott Cowell and they have yet to act on it. The Selectmen agreed to take action on this issue at their next meeting slated for March 16.

The board next revisited a recent request for town services on Blueberry Way. In a memo from Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Rob Zora, he wrote: "I understand that this issue has been brought to light due to the town owning property that abuts this private road. I believe this is the only private road in town that abuts town-owned property. The frontage and entrance to the town's property, North Marion Cemetery, is on County Road. We do not use the property that runs alongside Blueberry Way. Therefore, it is my opinion that we should stand by town policy and require residents of private roads such as Blueberry Way to be responsible for their road maintenance."

In reading Mr. Zora's opinion, the board felt they should stick to their policy of not maintaining private roads. "If it happened to be the only way to get into the cemetery, does that change the issue?" Selectman Pierce asked. "As it is, I don't see (the town's) obligation."

With that, the board unanimously voted to deny the request for town services as per Mr. Zora's memo.

The board next met with John Rockwell and Don Torres to discuss the delineation of a Watershed Protection District and Aquifer Protection District for the Town of Marion which is being proposed for the upcoming Town Meeting warrant.

The board unanimously voted to place this article on the Town Meeting warrant as submitted.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms.

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Class Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7:00AM						
8:00AM	Aerobics Instructor: Eileen Zora			Aerobics Instructor: Eileen Zora		KickFit COMING SOON Instructor: Derek DeCosta
9:00AM		Easy Yoga Instructor: Val Voner	Aerobics Inst: Christine Gonsalves		Aerobics Inst: Christine Gonsalves	Power Sculpt Instructor: Marti Porter
10:00AM	Resist-A-Ball Instructor: Dara Midwood	Cardio Challenge Instructor: Marti Porter	Resist-A-Ball Instructor: Dara Midwood	Step & Pump Instructor: Marti Porter	Hatha Yoga Instructor: Patricia Cicoltelli	Cardio Challenge Instructor: Marti Porter
11:00 AM		BIOMETRICS (TEAM) Mtg. For BIOMETRIC MEMBERS ONLY				BIOMETRICS TEAM & HELP MTG For BIOMETRIC & H.E.L.P MEMBERS ONLY
12:00 PM						BIOMETRICS WORKOUT w/Marti Porter
3:30PM		Butts & Gutts Instructor: Eileen Zora				
4:30PM		Cardio-Sculpt Instructor: Suzanne Perdigao				
5:00PM	*(5:15) Street Dance Instructor: Michael Porter		Yoga Fit (lite) Instructor: Melissa Oddi	*(5:15) Street Dance Instructor: Michael Porter	Rebounding Instructor: Laune Fernandes	
6:00PM	Aerobics 20/20/20 Inst: Christine Gonsalves	G.I. Jane Instructor: Marti Porter	Rebounding Instructor: Laune Fernandes	Cardio Caliente' Instructor: Marti Porter		
7:00PM	KickFit Instructor: Derek DeCosta	Aerobics Inst: Christine Gonsalves		KickFit COMING SOON Instructor: Derek DeCosta		

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Enroth-Whitlock:

• Noted the deadline for submitting Annual and Special Town Meeting warrant articles had passed and they will be discussing all the pertinent "money articles" with the Finance Committee (FinCom) on March 16. "This is going to be the year of 'water planning,'" she said, noting there are several water-related articles slated to appear on the warrant. Key among these is Marion's participation in and funding for a Regional Water District with Mattapoisett, Fairhaven and Rochester.

There were also four petition articles received seeking support for a Ridgewood Lane gravity sewer; a grinder pump for the sewer extension; $12,000 to fully fund a music teacher at Sippican School; and a Zoning By-Law amendment regarding grandfathering lots.

"We should probably send them (all) to Town Counsel to give us an opinion as to their legality," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said. "But we can't change the wording, spelling or anything on these articles as submitted by petition." Such articles only need the signatures of 10 registered voters to appear on the warrant.

"There are some other possible warrant articles ... I've put them on the list and we'll decide when we meet with the FinCom whether they'll be on the warrant or not," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said. "I know we'll probably have to have (supplemental) Snow Removal and Town Legal (articles)."

• Informed the board they received another application for a Sunday alcohol sales license, which will be considered at next meeting (March 16).

• Noted they have a clerical contract in place which has been signed and approved by the union.

• Asked the board to consider approving additional sewer easements remaining from their last vote: Ridgewood Lane, Cranberry Way and Boxberry Way. The board unanimously voted to approve these additional

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sewer easements as presented.

There being no further matters to come before the board in Open Session, they unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 8:05 pm to discuss strategy related to pending litigation and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 1, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 1 at 6:55 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Gary Laboa, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first unanimously approved the minutes of the February 9 and February 23 Open and Executive Session meetings, and then met with Kelly Sullivan-Morgado of the newly-reorganized Personnel

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Board to discuss some pending issues. Ms. Sullivan-Morgado first asked about the status of dispatchers in the Commuications Department and whether they are considered union employees under contract or still come under the purview of the Personnel Board.

"They either come to us for hiring or any personnel reasons or they don't," she said.

Selectman Laboa explained that they are essentially in transition right now, since they voted to unionize and the town is currently in the process of negotiating a contract with them. "We felt it was beneficial to do it the way we were doing it," Selectman Laboa said. "Once that contract is definite we won't be able to do that. If you ask me right now, black or white ... they (come under the Personnel Board). But we are obligated to negotiated a contract."

Ms. Sullivan-Morgado next discussed implementing a "Sexual Harassment Policy" for the Town of Rochester, which she felt should be signed off by all employees.

"The only written policy that exists is the one that's in the compensation plan," Mr. Huntoon said.

Selectman Laboa suggested the policy should also be included in the revised Personnel By-Laws.

"We voted to recommend that anyone who wants to view a personnel file will have to fill out a form," Ms. Sullivan-Morgado added. "Just stating that you are viewing (personnel) files ... even your own. We don't know how accessible these files are to anyone in Town Hall."

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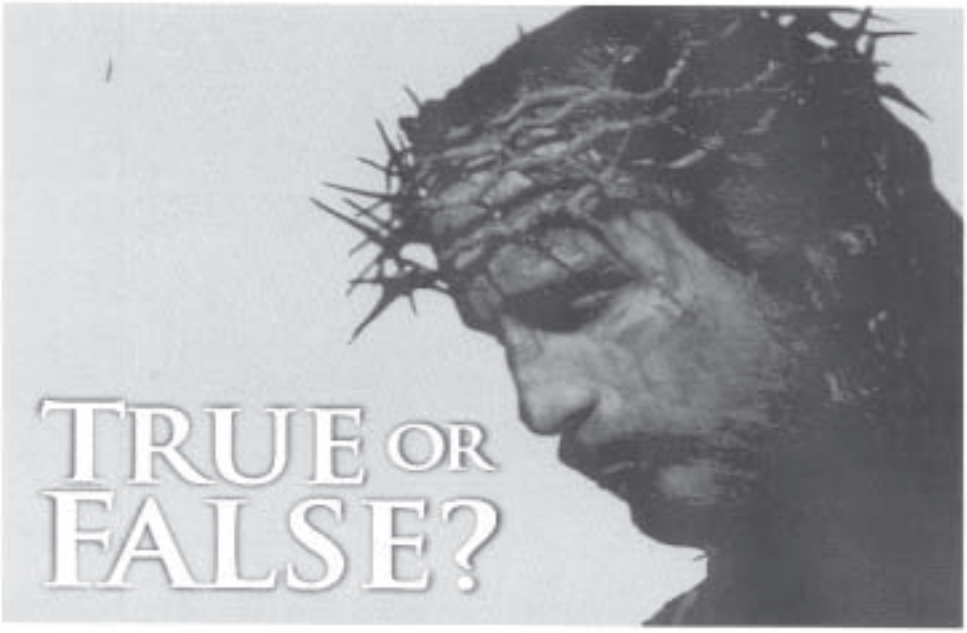

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"I think the employee should know who's looking at their records," Selectman Nunes agreed.

"We also have some (employee) evaluation forms which have not been turned in," Ms. Sullivan-Morgado said.

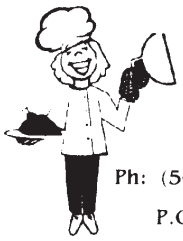
"If they're under the Selectmen, you need to let us know (but) if they're under another department, you need to let them know," Chairman Parker said.

At 7:15 pm the board met with residents Claudia Butler and John Dvorski regarding the proposed High Street Realty Project off High Street spearheaded by the Sippican Realty Trust and Lorusso Corporation.

"We're here tonight because we learned last week there was a proposal made to the town ... we're concerned because we've been involved for a long time (and) we don't know what the proposal is," Ms. Butler said. "The main reason we're here (is to find out) about the lawsuits out there."

The board members explained that although the project proponents have pending lawsuits as a means to appeal the Planning Board's previous denial of their initial proposal, they are hoping to work with them to come up with a plan that is mutual beneficial to the town and developer.

"I think most of the discussions presently are to try and resolve the lawsuit ... we are not the lead on this — it's the Planning Board," Chairman Parker said. "If the (Planning Board's) decision isn't accepted, then it goes to the courts."



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"Some of this action was prompted by myself and the (Selectmen) looking into the status of litigation (pending)," Selectman Laboa said. "To see if there was any possible solution instead of spending more money. My question was: *is there a possible way to create some kind of project in that area that might be a little more agreeable to everyone?* I took a very personal interest as a resident in the size of (the project). That's a major piece of property in town. It's something that I would personally fight tooth and nail to *not* get 150 houses in there. It would be bad for the town, it costs everyone money, and it's not the best use of that property. No matter what happens with the negotiations ... it still has to go through the (entire) process."

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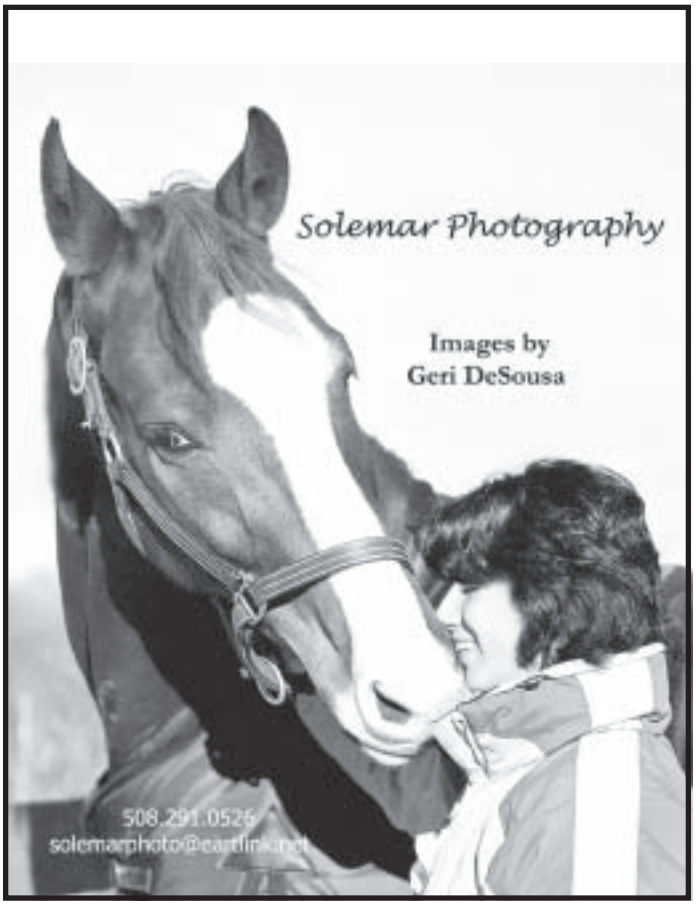

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Mr. Huntoon said the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board will be meeting with Town Counsel in Executive Session on March 11 to discuss this approach.

"Personally, if there's any traffic that comes out of High Street, it's unacceptable ... (and) I speak for many, many people," Ms. Butler said. "I would not find it acceptable if any resident has to look at the facility, or hear it."

"This isn't the Board of Selectmen's decision, ultimately it's the Planning Board's decision," Chairman Parker said. "They can either resolve this and come up with a proposal with the property owners, or allow this to go into the courts and have a judge make the final decision."

"The whole idea is to try and get us out of this litigation and get a better plan," Selectman Laboa added. "We're just talking with our own boards and committees and our Town Counsel. (Lorusso) hasn't submitted a new plan, but they have submitted a new concept."

In a formal letter to the board which was read into the record and signed by Claudia and Richard Butler, and Muriel and John Dvorski, they asked the board to continue their opposition to a large-scale gravel-crushing plant at the site.

"The residents of the town have ... made it clear that they appreciate that the Planning Board, the Board of Appeals, and the Building Inspector recognize the detrimental impact that this project would have on the town and its residents and that they acted on that recognition by denying the (initial) site plan and building permit for the project," the wrote. "We all understand what it means to live in Rochester — there is a quality of life here that is very difficult to find elsewhere — and we recognize the value of that life and the importance of protecting it. The decisions that you have made over the past two years will

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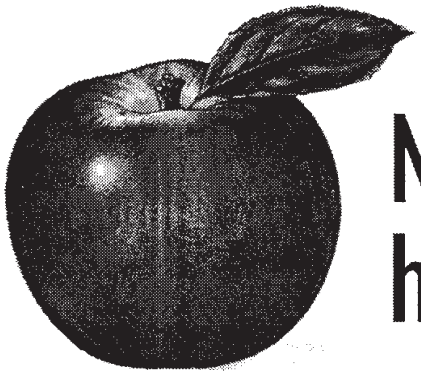

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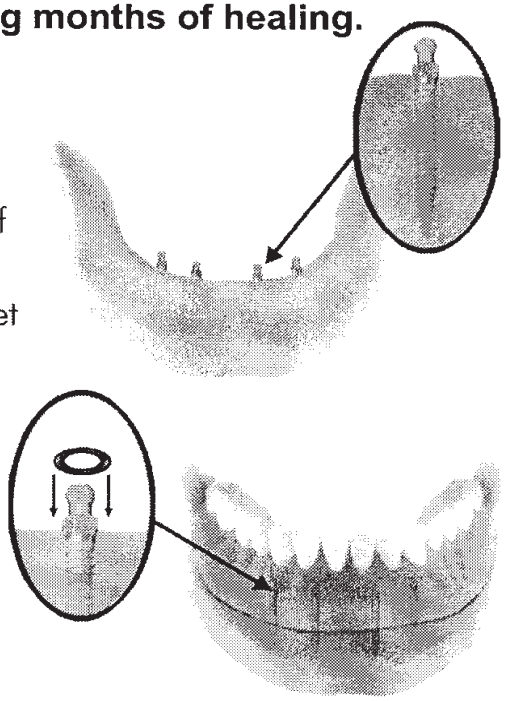

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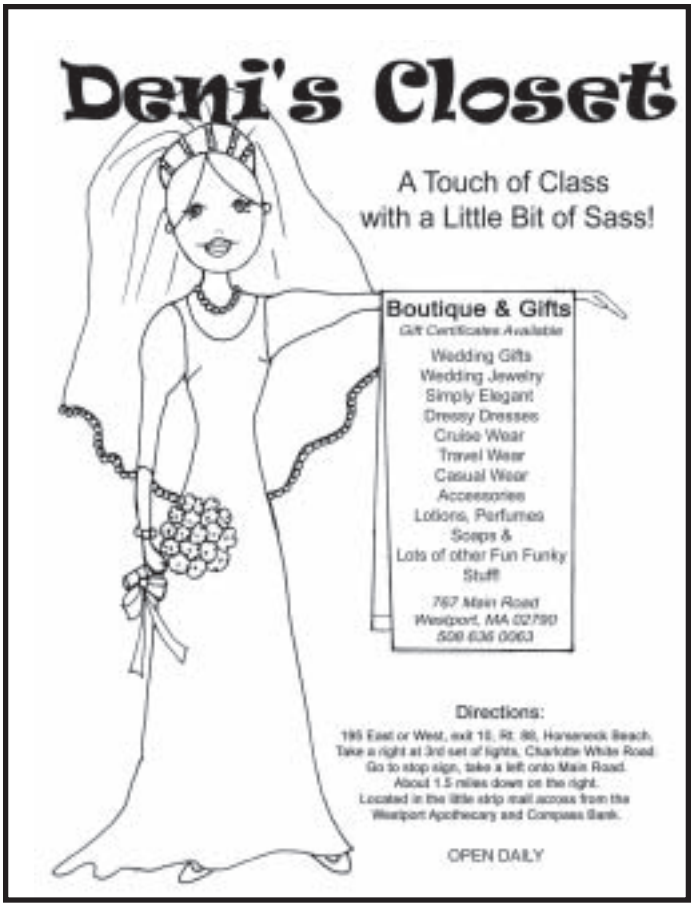

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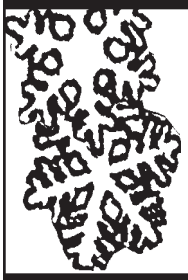

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play an enormous role in ensuring that that quality of life will continue. We urge you once again to maintain your opposition to the proposed facility."

In other matters, the board:

• Received a memo from Town Moderator Greenwood Hartley regarding parking issues at Rochester's Memorial School during Town Meetings. Mr. Hartley suggested the curbside parking spaces directly in front of Memorial School (those in the curved driveway) be reserved for handicapped and elderly Town Meeting voters. He is working with Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge to coordinate this effort.

• Received a copy of a "thank you" letter sent to Rochester Police Officer Robert Small for recently hosting the RAD Self-Defense Class at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. Claire Bourgeois praised Officer Small and the Rochester Police Department for their "vision in offering these most important classes."

• Received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) that the town's certified Free Cash amount is $946,291 as of February 26, 2004.

• Received a memo from Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Michael Costa, advising the FinCom voted on February 24 to recommend discontinuing the Blue Cross Master Health Insurance program for town employees. "Terminating this offering and migrating these participants to other health plans will save at least

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$4,500 annually," Mr. Costa wrote.

"To me, I'm not in favor of taking away (Blue Cross)," Chairman Parker said.

"I'd like to know how many people are taking this plan," Selectman Nunes said.

"We need to talk to the FinCom and find out what their figures are based on," Selectman Laboa said.

The board also unanimously signed and approved a nine-article warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 7:30 pm at Memorial School including:

- $2,252.30 to pay prior year's bills (ARTICLE 1);
- $100 to cover additional Town Clerk's fees (ARTICLE 2);

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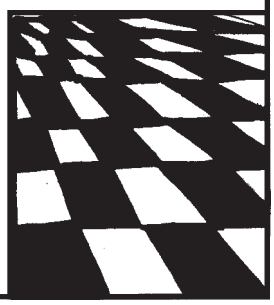

• $65,000 budget adjustment for Rochester Memorial School (ARTICLE 3);

• $146,290 appropriation in Chapter 90 funds from the state (ARTICLE 4);

• $3,000 transfer Free Cash and a transfer of $5,000 from the 2002 Annual Town Meeting (Article 4-1) to cover the total $8,000 cost of valuation services for fixed assets (ARTICLE 5);

• $10,000 appropriation to replace the roof at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library (ARTICLE 6);

• Adopting a "Water Committee Special Counsel" By-Law to allow the town to retain legal counsel in the formation and operation of a water district (ARTICLE 7);

• $35,000 to defray issuance costs and other expenses associated with the town's borrowing to finance the Eastover Farm Preservation Project (ARTICLE 8); and

• $350,000 to cover design fees and related expenses for the proposed Memorial School addition and renovation (ARTICLE 9).

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:18 pm.

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If you have interest in participating and would like to be sent more details, please contact **Craig Correia** (**508-758-4894**, **craig-correia@comcast.net**) or **Glenn Cudmore** (**508-992-5692**, **glenn.cudmore@comcast.net**).

Marion Yoga

The **Marion Recreation Committee** is sponsoring **Yoga Classes** in the Marion Music Hall on Tuesdays from 8:45 to 10:00 am. The cost for eight lessons is $50 for residents and $55 for non-residents. Yoga is a sophisticated system for achieving radiant physical health, mental clarity, and peace of mind. You will not be asked to force your body into any difficult positions. The poses combine with deep breathing bring about a calming relaxation. You will go to a level that your body will allow, building strength and flexibility in increments. All classes will end with a guided relaxation. For more information, please call **508-748-2310**. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat.

Marion Baseball

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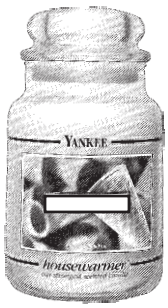

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Marion Softball

The **Marion Recreation Committee** will hold Softball Sign-Ups for girls in Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on **Wednesday, March 10 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm** in the **Marion Town House**. The $55 fee must be paid by check made out to "Marion Recreation." Girls in Grade 3 will register at a later date.

Marion Basketball

Marion Recreation will sponsor high school pickup **Basketball Games** on Sundays, 5:00 to 6:30 pm, in the Sippican School Gym. The games will run through **March 26**. Fee for Marion residents is $5 and $10 for non-residents. Please pay by check made out to "Marion Recreation" at the first game.

Marion Soccer

An **Over 30 Soccer Team** is forming in Marion and they are now recruiting experienced players over age 29-plus that live in the area and can play home and away games on Sundays. This is a very organized New England league with good competition and great fun. Even if it has been awhile, dust off the boots and give them a call. For more details, please call **Steve Wyman** at **508-748-1178.**

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Ladies, if you are in Grades 9-12, **Fairhaven Recreation** has the perfect day for you! **Spa Day** will take place on **Friday, March 26 at 3:30 pm** and is the perfect opportunity for you to treat yourself to some well-deserved pampering. This event will be held at the **Millicent Library** and will feature: make-up, nails, hair, aromatherapy, yoga and massage. The cost is only $12 for Fairhaven residents. Deadline to register is **March 19**. For more information, please call **508-993-9269**, or visit **www.fairhavenrecreation.com**.

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Blood Pressure Clinic

An afternoon Blood Pressure Clinic will be held on Wednesday, March 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the nurse's office in the Mattapoisett Town Hall. There will *not* be an evening clinic in March. Note: The Public Health Nurse's office will be *closed* on Monday, March 15, 2004.

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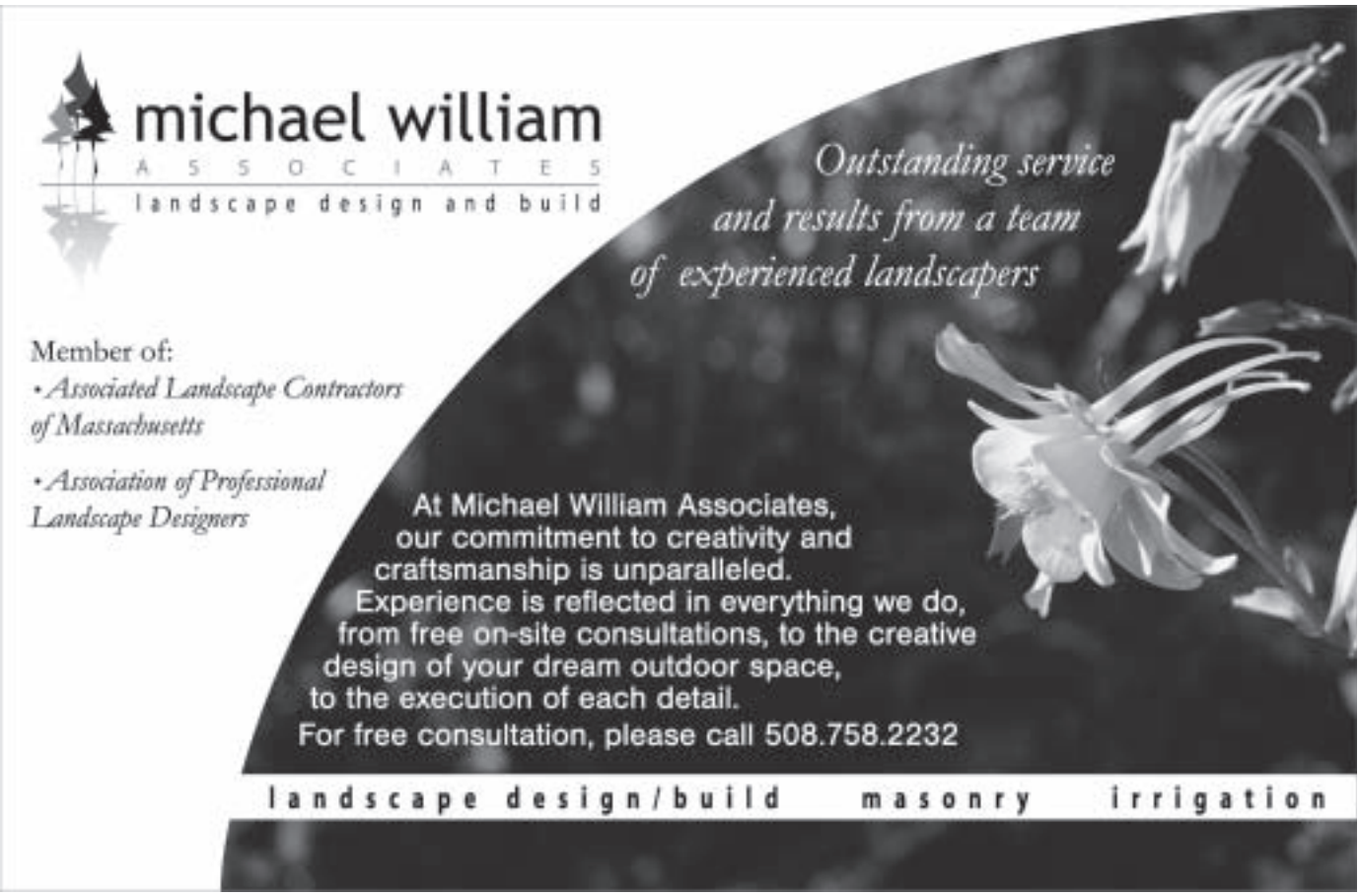

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Tri-Town Blue Book

The League of Women Voters' Tri-Town Telephone Directory ("The Blue Book") is currently being updated for its 20th edition. The 2004-2005 phone book will be released in June 2004. Residents who are new to the area or are not listed in the Verizon telephone directory and would like to be included in the Blue Book should call Christine Reid (508-748-3251) or Tracy Donovan-Lynch (508-295-1042). New entry information may also be mailed to the LWV Phone Book, P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738. Please include your name, address, and phone number as you want it to appear in the directory.

The Telephone Book Committee urges all residents to check their current listing in the Blue Book to be sure it is accurate. Residents who have recently moved into town, or who have moved within town, are encouraged to contact Christine or Tracy with their updated information. The deadline for additions, corrections or changes is Monday, March 22, 2004.

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The morning session will begin at 11:00 am in the wheelchair-accessible Town Hall in Mattapoisett. An afternoon session begins at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 1:00 pm. American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters are available for both sessions.

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Rochester Grange Meeting

The next meeting of Rochester Grange will be held on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 pm at the Grange Hall, 205 Hartley Road in Rochester. David Green, a member of the State Grange Agricultural Committee, will be the guest. David's topic for the evening will be "What's it on the farm?" Come learn some interesting things about farm implements from the past. See the things early farmers used to run their farms and earn a living. Non-members are always welcome to attend meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. They look forward to your visit.

The Rochester Grange has among its projects a coupon collection drive to aid military families. Coupons a year or more old can be turned in and be excepted at military stores for use by our service people and their families. If you have outdated coupons or ones you do not use, please do not throw them away. Stuff them in an envelope and donate them to the coupon drive. For more information, please call Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908.

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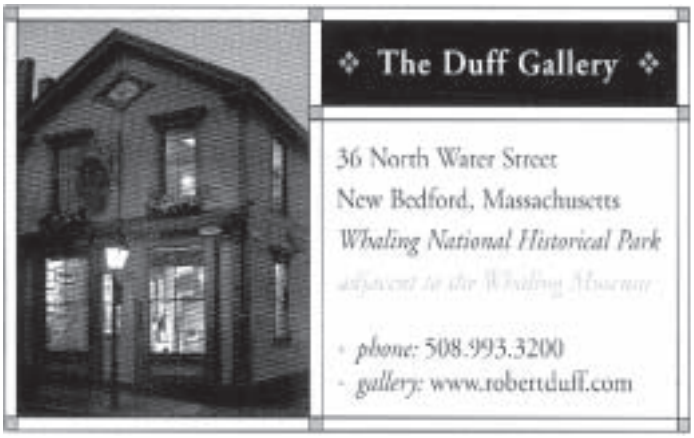

about the movie. Every newspaper you pick up is filled with stories about the movie. The TV and radio talk shows are alive with air-time devoted to the controversy of the Mel Gibson movie.

As many Americans sit around surrounded by all the hype and controversy, many local residents are taking steps to insure that their neighbors and friends are actually going to the movie. Members of the South Coast Community Church have been encouraged to invite everyone they come in contact with to go see this movie. The church feels so strongly that this movie will make a positive difference in people's lives that they are buying tickets for everyone!

One member of the church, John Mello of New

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Bedford, has taken the church's mission to heart. He alone has invited over 30 friends to the movie. Most of them will be going as a group this Saturday night. Heidi Horman, a Wareham resident, is inviting all her neighbors to the movie, hoping to have at least 40 attend in the next week or so.

For those moviegoers who leave the movie with questions, South Coast Community Church (SCCC) will be offering a follow up sermon series titled "The Passion: True or False?" which will begin on Sunday, March 7 and conclude with an Easter celebration on April 11. During the sermon series Pastor Gary Taylor will address some of the questions that may have been raised by the movie. *True or False: The Bible Historically Reliable? True or False: Jesus is the Son of God? True or False: Jesus is the Only Way to God? True or False: Jesus Died for Your Sins? True or False: Jesus Is Alive Today? And lastly, True or False: Easter Can Make A Difference In Your Life?* There will be time at the end of each service to answer any specific questions moviegoers may have.

If you'd like to know more about the movie or the sermon series to follow, you can call them at 508-748-3200 or check out their website at **www.southcoastcommunitychurch.org**.

South Coast Community Church meets at 10:00 am every Sunday at the Sippican School in Marion. Nursery care is available and there are children's programs for students Kindergarten through Grade 8. Their motto is "People Matter To God." If you attend one of the services you'll hear a practical message from the Bible, listen to some upbeat contemporary Christian music, watch a drama, comedy skit or video clip that relates to the morning's topic, and enjoy a good cup of coffee. Go see the movie and let them help answer some of your questions.

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St. Patrick's Luncheon

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett will sponsor a free St. Patrick's Day Luncheon for Seniors on Thursday, March 11 at 12:00 noon. To obtain a required free ticket, please contact the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) at 508-758-4110. Hope to see you there!

ORR Drama Rehearsal

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club cordially invites all tri-town senior citizens to the final dress rehearsal of Voltaire's *Candide* on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are complimentary but the club welcomes donations of paper, hygiene products, and non-perishable foods for the food pantries at Marion United Methodist Church and St. Anthony's Church. For further information, please contact the CSL office at **508-758-3745**.

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Marion Art Center

Art Exhibit

A three-person exhibition is now on display at the Marion Art Center featuring pastels by Rita Crimmons, watercolors and oils by Stephanie Rolfe and acrylics by Carolyn Dlouhy. The show will be installed in both galleries through April 2.

Stephanie Rolfe, a resident of Lincoln, MA, grew up during World War II in Britain. "There were no colored pigments available when I was in school," she said. Much later she pursued her interest in art.

"In 1992, when I first picked up a paintbrush, I worked with oils and rapidly became hooked! In 1996 I began to explore watercolor — a difficult transition, but one that enabled me to paint fast and often brought surprises … With minimal equipment I could move around, looking with new eyes at people and places and things that have been familiar for years, but never really 'seen.'"

She has studied with many different teachers and has exhibited around Boston, Gloucester, Lexington, Attleboro, and other Massachusetts galleries as well as in Rhode Island. Most recently she has been trying to master acrylics and abstract design with Paula DeSimone at the Fuller Art Museum. She is a member of the Rhode Island Watercolor Society and the Attleboro Museum. Ms. Rolfe hopes that other "late bloomers" will accept the challenge as she did and pursue a long held interest in art that perhaps has been pushed to the back of the shelf in busier times in their lives.

Rita Crimmins, a resident of Norwood, Massachusetts, was taught and influenced by her father, Arthur Monbouquette, who was an artist with local and regional reputation. Rita began painting at a young age and continued her work even when she had six children underfoot. She participated in many night school classes

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and seriously started back to her art after the children went off to school.

At one time Rita was a member of the Norwood, Canton, Westwood and Dedham Art Associations. She often won first prize in exhibitions in and around the Boston suburbs. She is inspired by Claude Monet and John Singer Sargent. She studied with Brenda Bates who encouraged her to continue to pursue her talent in painting. Rita is versatile in all media; oils, watercolor and pastel. Landscapes, streetscapes, and seaside settings in pastel will be included in the Marion Art Center exhibition.

Carolyn Dlouhy is a working artist living in Mattapoisett. She is currently completing several commissions including a large mixed media mural in the soon to be opened New Bedford restaurant, Seaside Seafood. Well-known for her large and small flower paintings of geraniums and roses, Carolyn has produced serial images of leaves and trees. Drawing inspiration from this area she has painted intimate New England landscapes which comprise the "Coastal Collection."

Carolyn studied at the School of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Swain School of Design and the Graduate Program at UMass Dartmouth. She served as Artist-in Residence for the Town of Fairhaven, Artist Leader for Artworks' Whaling Project, has taught painting at both the Marion and Westport Art Centers, and has served as an Art Consultant for several Los Angeles

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Rochester Police Scholarships

Once again the Rochester Police Brotherhood is pleased to offer two $500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Old Rochester Regional High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. Criteria is as follows:

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Materials needed by the Police Brotherhood for selection include: original application with essay, letter of recommendations and high school transcript. The successful recipients are notified by the end of May and the money is given at the end of the first semester of college. First semester grades and proof of enrollment in the second semester is also required.

Applications are now available in the guidance offices of Old Rochester and Old Colony. Should you have any questions, please contact William Chamberlain at 508-763-8956.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

In lieu of the March meeting, the Maconchu Club will attend the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club's rendition of the play *Candide* as a group on Saturday, March 27. The Maconchu Club has reserved a block of 50 tickets for the 8:00 pm performance at ORR High School at the senior rate of $7 per ticket. If you are

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Marion Social Club

Steak Dinner

The Marion Social Club is having a Mid-Spring Steak Dinner. The event will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2004. The club opens at 6:30 pm and will serve at 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of steak, salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls with butter, dessert, and coffee. Please contact Warren at 508-748-2933 for tickets and more information. Donation is $12 per person and the club is located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion.

The Marion Social Club is a charitable community service organization assisting the youth, elderly, distressed, and underprivileged in Marion and surrounding communities. Member meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the club on Pumping Station Road. Several events are held throughout the year and are open to the public. A calendar of public events is available for the asking by signing the guest registry at any event or writing to: Marion Social Club, P.O. Box 763,

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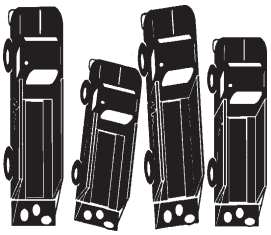

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The April clinic at Sippican will also serve children from birth to age 3. An Early Intervention team from the Schwartz Center will conduct the screenings.

Screening clinics will look at the child's thinking skills, speech and language skills, coordination, hearing and vision. If you are concerned about your child's development, please call the Sippican School at 508-748-0100 for an appointment.

Mattapoisett Church Scholarships

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church announced that applications are now available for the 2004 scholarships. They may be acquired at the Guidance Offices at Old Rochester Regional High School or Bishop Stang High School, or at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office, 27 Church Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Applicants must be residents of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester or members of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and must be high school seniors graduating in June, or previous graduates who have applied for or are re-entering an accredited post-secondary education program. The criteria for choosing recipients are financial need, scholastic achievement and initiative. The deadline for filing applications is Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

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St. Patrick's Luncheon

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett will hold a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon for the seniors on Thursday, March 11, upstairs at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. They will have a musician with lots of Irish songs and door prizes. Hope to see you there! You must, however, obtain a free ticket from Cynthia at the KOC Hall downstairs (508-758-4110).

There will also be an "Easter Pie and Bake Sale" on Saturday, April 10 (the day before Easter) at the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe. Come early — they're only there until all the food is sold. The sale starts at 10:00 am. This sale is only one of the Friends' fund-raisers for the Council on Aging (COA) and seniors in Mattapoisett.

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The Friends of the Elderly meet on the first Monday of the month at 3:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, downstairs. For more information, please call Cynthia (508-758-4110) or just stop in. Please leave your name and address if you would like to become a new member.

Cushing Cemetery Corporation

Notice from the Cushing Cemetery Corporation of Mattapoisett: All wreaths, dead plants and Christmas decorations should be removed by March 15, 2004 or the Cemetery Superintendent will have them disposed of.

Sippican Seniors Meeting

The next meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be held on Friday, March 12 at the Marion VFW on Route 6 in Marion at 1:30 pm. Entertainment will include "Sentimental Journey Train Ride" with Deborah Nelson. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a friend — the building is handicap accessible.

The April meeting entertainment will be provided by the Old Rochester Regional Jazz Band.

Tri-Town Business Association

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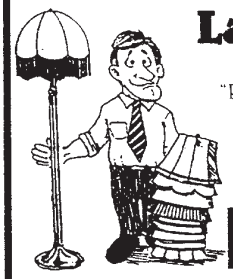

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MOVIE REVIEW

Passion Play

By Rob Gonsalves
http://robsreviews.cjb.net

***The Passion of the Christ*. Starring James Caviezel and Monica Bellucci. Directed by Mel Gibson. Running time: 126 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

Great sincerity often blinds one to one's own follies, and *The Passion of the Christ*, like most films dealing with the Jesus story, has its powerful moments and its goofy moments. Director Mel Gibson, as we've all heard *ad infinitum* by now, is a devout Catholic, and he approaches the material with a kind of robust reverence. Much of the filmmaking is accomplished and sure-footed; monotonous as the last hour is, it's paced like a shot. And Gibson does give the grateful audience one mild laugh, when Jesus (James Caviezel), in a flashback, is kidding around with his mother Mary (Maia Morgenstern, in probably the best performance). Still, the whole affair left me feeling rather remote and unmoved. By emphasizing the agony of Christ's last day to the near-exclusion of all else, Gibson has made a strange experimental film that he offers as an act of faith, but which seems more like an act of directorial hubris.

Much has been made of the film's brutality, and I suppose it's helpful to warn people who haven't been to the movies much in the last thirty years that this isn't the sanitized crucifixion of, say, *King of Kings*. After all the talk about it, I had steeled myself for something that would turn my stomach and rock my foundations, but, image for image, there's not a lot here you haven't seen if, like me, you grew up on a steady diet of violent horror movies. The difference here, as in *Saving Private Ryan* (which also came with media warnings for the elderly), is the sheer repetition and *relentlessness* of the bloodletting. When Jesus' back is scourged, first with routine whips and then with sharp metal-tipped flails, and then the Romans turn him over so they can whip the front of him too, Gibson is giving us far more than we need to get the point. The violence becomes numbing, meaningless.

At certain points, Gibson seems ready to go all the way into the horror genre. A bald, androgynous Satan (Rosalinda Celentano) makes an early appearance to tempt Jesus, then haunts the betraying Judas (Jarreth Merz) to suicide. Phantasms and grotesquely deformed children appear to Judas, and he hangs himself near a horse's maggot-infested corpse. The episode has the ooh-spooky tone of one of the *Omen* flicks (so does a moment when a disbeliever on the cross next to Jesus is visited by a hungry crow), and Gibson isn't a subtle enough director to pull off these moments of spiritual dread — they just come off cheesy. Sadly, Gibson is still indulging his homophobia, too, even here, in the episode wherein the decadent, fey King Herod taunts Jesus.

Cinematically, Gibson gets some things right. The use of subtitled ancient languages (Latin, Aramaic) lends the movie a rhetorical *gravitas* that Martin Scorsese's rather more colloquial *The Last Temptation of Christ* sorely lacked. Director of photography Caleb Deschanel lights with an eye for mood, as if this were *bible noir*. Gibson consciously moves away from an epic flavor, shooting almost the entire movie very close in — there can't be more than a handful of medium or long shots. Some of the practical details of the crucifixion, such as turning the cross over to hammer the nail points flush against the back of the cross planks, certainly show that Gibson has done his homework.

It's all more or less skillfully done, but at the center of *The Passion of the Christ* is anguish without context; of course, you're supposed to bring the context with you — most of us know the story leading up to Jesus' death. But narratively, it makes for an awfully lopsided experience. Why fixate so much on the physical horrors of the story? The catalog of torture becomes squalid and borderline sadistic, and sadism at tedious length is no more interesting than anything else at tedious length. (And poor James Caviezel is given very little to do besides suffer; he comes off as the most blank movie Jesus in many years.) Powerful for a while, until its power begins to seep out somewhere in the second hour, this fraction of a story reduces one of history's most galvanizing legends to an endurance test — a sort of Extreme Sport for martyrs.

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Twisted (R) – 1:25, 3:50, 7:20, 9:40
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The Tri-Town Business Association is an opportunity to network with other area businessmen and women; share ideas, headaches, or just make new contacts. For additional information, please contact Val Nichols (508-748-2919) or Woody Hartley (508-763-2463).

Mattapoisett Historical Museum

To find out what you didn't know, please come to the Mattapoisett Historical Museum, 5 Church Street in Mattapoisett, on Sunday afternoon, March 14 at 2:00 pm when Milton George of Fairhaven will present a fascinating slide show/talk on little known facts about people and places in the greater New Bedford area.

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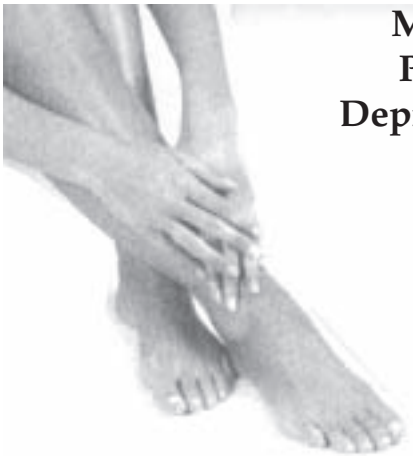

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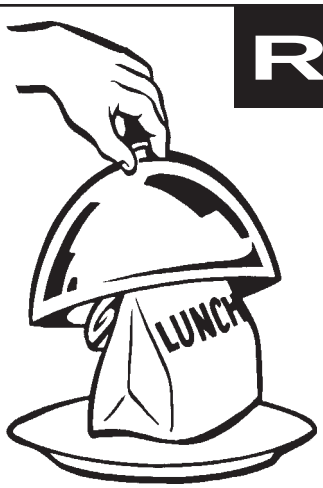

• ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 8 – Mac and cheese bites, ham sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 – Chicken and cheese quesadilla, turkey sandwich, rice, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 – BBQ rib on a roll, bologna sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 11 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 12 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 8 – Beef stew with vegetables, whipped potatoes, snowflake dinner roll, pears in light syrup.

Tuesday, March 9 – Cream of broccoli soup, chicken piccata, rice pilaf, whole wheat roll, orange.

Wednesday, March 10 – Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, carrot, rye bread, fudge cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, March 11 – BBQ pork ribs, whipped sweet potatoes, cauliflower with cream sauce, multi-grain roll, butterscotch pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Friday, March 12 – Ravioli with tomato sauce, Italian blend vegetables, Vienna bread, mixed fruit in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 8 – Hot dog, turkey sub with lettuce/tomato, smile fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, soup, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 11 – Popcorn chicken, toasted cheese, crispy fries, carrots, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 12 – Stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, March 8 – Meatball sandwich, veal cutlet sandwich, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 – Beef tacos with all the fixings, cheese quesadilla, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 – Pork pattie sandwich, baked stuffed potato, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 11 – Hot dog on a roll, grilled cheese, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 12 – French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 8 – Hot dog, turkey sub with lettuce/tomato, smile fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, soup, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 11 – Popcorn chicken, toasted cheese, crispy fries, carrots, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 12 – Stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 8 – Cheeseburgers, French fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, marble cake.

Tuesday, March 9 – Soup, Italian grinder, potato puffs, peas, chocolate chip bar.

Wednesday, March 10 – Taco, chicken fajita, tortilla chips, salsa, corn, pudding.

Thursday, March 11 – Turkey club, spicy fries, green beans, peaches, spice cake.

Friday, March 12 – Seafood salad, stuffed crust pizza, carrots, chips, cookie.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 8 – Hot dog, turkey sub with lettuce/tomato, smile fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, soup, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 11 – Popcorn chicken, toasted cheese, crispy fries, carrots, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 12 – Stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 8 – Soup, toasted cheese, McCrispy chicken, fries, veggie sticks, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 9 – Soup, teriyaki chicken wrap, steak with cheese sub, nachos, lettuce, tomato, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 10 – Soup, stuffed shells, popcorn chicken, Romaine salad, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 11 – Soup, chicken tenders, mashed potato, ham and cheese croissant, gravy, roll, peas, cranberry sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 12 – Soup, chicken nuggets, meatball sub, oven potato puff, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 8 – Hot dog, turkey sub with lettuce/tomato, smile fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 9 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, soup, nachos, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 11 – Popcorn chicken, toasted cheese, crispy fries, carrots, veggie sticks, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

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places. Together with Ben Baker, he has published a book titled *I Didn't Know That.* He has presented his program throughout the greater New Bedford area. In 2002 he formed the Fairhaven Heritage Center honoring Fairhaven's most famous people.

This will be a most interesting and entertaining program. This program, like all programs offered by the museum, is open to the public.

League of Women Voters

The Tri-Town League of Women Voters (LWV) would like to remind area residents of the following upcoming important dates and deadlines:

The deadline to register to vote in the State Primary or change party enrollment is August 25, 2004. The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2004.

The deadline to register to vote in the State Election or change party enrollment is October 13, 2004. The State Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004.

• Marion – Deadline to register to vote in the Town Election is April 6, 2004. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 26, 2004 and the Annual Town Election on April 30, 2004.

• Mattapoisett – Deadline to register to vote in the Town Election and Town Meeting is April 20, 2004. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 10, 11 and 12, 2004. The Annual Town Election will be held on May 18, 2004.

• Rochester – Deadline to register to vote in the Town Election is March 25, 2004. The Town Election is April 14, 2004. Deadline to register for Town Meeting is May 17, 2004. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 7, 2004.

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INNER VIEWS

Messiah Complex

By Kenneth J. Souza
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For the first time in a long time, people have been openly discussing what is often considered one of those "taboo" topics: *religion*. And like its dubious counterpart, *politics*, religion has that uncanny knack to either effectively unite or sharply divide groups of like-minded individuals. So it should come as no surprise to actor/filmmaker **Mel Gibson** that his recently-released film, ***The Passion of the Christ***, has created such widespread controversy and polarized people with differing beliefs.

Whether you view the film — and, by extension, Gibson himself — as a passionate reflection of an artist's personal faith, a shrewd marketing attempt to capitalize on the death and torture of Jesus, or a veiled accusation against the Jewish people for "killing Christ," what *is* important, I think, is that it has stirred debate and inspired people to discuss a matter that is far-too-often skirted for political-correctness' sake.

Having now seen *The Passion of the Christ*, I'm perplexed as to why my counterparts in the press and, even more specifically, those who make their careers reviewing movies (our resident critic excepted), have devoted more ink to the circumstances surrounding the production and Mel Gibson himself than the movie in question. Although this isn't a new trend — just witness how the press savaged Francis Ford Coppola's years-in-the-making *Apocalypse Now* before its release — it does beg the question of whether they have a personal axe to grind.

First and foremost, I saw no evidence of the ultimately premature assumption that the movie is anti-semitic or that it blames the Jewish people collectively for the death of Christ. Clearly, there were some high-ranking members of the Jewish Sanhedrin who felt threatened by Jesus and, as a result, they are portrayed as the key catalysts for crucifixion in the movie.

But then that's in the Gospels, too.

"The anti-semitism (charge) is ludicrous," agreed Pastor Gary Taylor of Marion's South Coast Community Church, which recently purchased 400 tickets to the film and provided them, free-of-charge, to area residents. Pastor Taylor also had the unique opportunity to screen the movie back in January with Mel Gibson in attendance.

"I thought it was an excellent film, all the way around," Pastor Taylor said. "I thought artistically it was very effective ... and historically accurate. I didn't see there was anything in there that contradicted the story in the Gospels."

And what of Mel's choice for source material? He said he based everything in the movie on the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, with some details of Jesus' torture and death culled from the writings of Anne Catherine Emmerich, a stigmatist who purportedly experienced miraculous visions of these events.

Here's where I find some reviewers to be the most hypocritical. *Whether you believe these writings to be fact or fiction, why should that affect your experience or assessment of the finished film?*

Personally, I don't believe in an alien with big eyes who can make bikes fly and heal cuts with a lighted finger, but I enjoyed and appreciated *E.T.* just the same. And I don't remember critics arguing about the accuracy of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth or director Peter Jackson's Oscar-winning film depiction of *The Lord of the Rings*, either. And how "historically accurate" are the embellished "histories" of William Shakespeare? Or countless other books and films "based on a true story"?

Then there are those who claim the movie is far too violent, with one reviewer going so far as to suggest it is "pornographic" and nothing more than a "snuff" film. As a longtime horror film buff, I could cite enough movie titles here to fill the page and beyond that are easily on par with *The Passion of the Christ* in terms of violence and gore. But unlike those films, which can be alternately gratuitous or stylized in an exaggerated, comic-book fashion, the violence in *The Passion of the Christ* is portrayed realistically as a means of showing Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.

As a film in and of itself, I think Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* is a remarkable achievement and an undeniable work of art. That it was inspired by one man's personal religious convictions shouldn't stop people from appreciating its craft or power. In fact, I have always believed the best art should not only be *inspired* but *inspiring*. And there's little doubt this film is a little of both.

"It's good to hear people talking about something that's more important (than sports)," Pastor Taylor said. "People from all walks of life are going to see the movie."

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The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council will meet in the cafeteria of Rochester Memorial School on Monday, March 8 beginning at 6:00 pm. The council oversees the work of Community Partnerships for Children, a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education (DOE) which is intended to increase the affordability and accessibility of high quality early care and education programs for three- and four-year olds as well as to provide support to families raising young children. For these reasons, parents are an important component of the council. Subcommittees will be presenting reports of upcoming events and activities. Plans for the annual early childhood

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124 Young cadet
128 Very slender
134 Sharp-sighted
136 Malice
137 Practice piece
138 Cut short
139 Mlle., farther south
140 Pants part
141 Inflexibility
142 Some bills
143 Jets, Mets, or Nets

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1 Brewery supply
2 Give off
3 Theater section
4 "Drums Along the —" ('39 film)
5 "Tobacco Road" character
6 Wednesday
7 Done
8 Egyptian Nobelist
9 Chum
10 Infamous Amin
11 Philips of "UHF"
12 Antler part
13 Strawberry, for one
14 Police hdqrs.
15 Drop a brick
16 Divulge
17 Ward off
22 "— fixe"
24 Designer Fiorucci
26 Billions of years
29 Common affix
33 Vane dir.
35 Aroma
36 Responsibility
37 French-door part
39 Emulated Gebel-Williams
40 Amatory
41 Fiasco
42 Genesis redhead
43 Wilson or Weathers
44 "— Set" ('57 film)
50 Vocalize like Vallee
52 Riser's relative
53 Metallic
55 Unwell
56 Literary collection
58 Soccer superstar
59 Hacienda material
60 Hawk
61 Diminutive suffix
63 Natural gas component
64 — talk
66 Sanctify
69 ". . . man — mouse?"
70 Turkish title
73 Myerson or Truman
74 Not as common
75 Originate
77 Arrive at
78 " Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
81 Telescope sighting
85 Oven setting
86 Eastern "Way"
88 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'— "
90 Jeri of "Star Trek: Voyager"
91 Gator's cousin
92 Sicilian volcano
93 Distribute the deck
96 Trickle
97 A sweeping success?
98 Soldier on
101 More granular
103 Ideal
104 Woody herb
107 Director Nair
109 Long or Peeples
111 Surveyor's need
112 Most indolent
113 Cat's dogs
114 Harvests
115 Davis of "Evening Shade"
117 Vote in
121 — Spumante
123 Challenge
125 Fontaine role
126 — carotene
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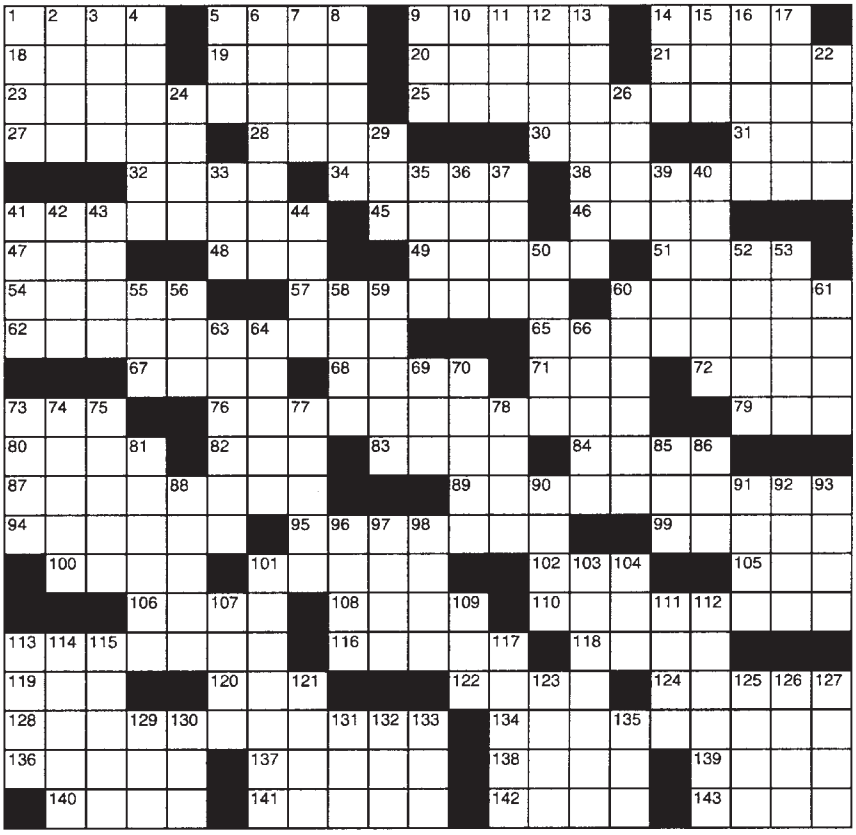

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Take time from your busy schedule to check out what's going on around you. You might find that someone has been secretly trying to pull the wool over those beautiful Sheep's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Once again, the Bovine's boldness pays off in uncovering the source of a disturbing workplace situation. Your personal life calls for patience, as a certain matter plays itself out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Forget about going all out to impress someone in your personal life. Just being yourself is all that matters. A workplace decision will need more time. Don't rush into it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some supersensitive Crabs might take offense at what they perceive as a slight. But a closer look points to a simple misunderstanding. The weekend holds a welcome surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Sure, you can roar your head off over someone's failure to keep a promise. But the wiser course would be to ask why it happened. Be prepared for an answer that might well surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A developing relationship needs time to find its direction. So please be patient and resist pushing things along. A recently cooled-down workplace situation could heat up again.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Congratulations. Your well-thought-out proposal seems to be working. Someone who hasn't agreed with you on most things in the past could turn out to be one of your major supporters.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things seem to be going well. However, you can still expect criticism — some of it pretty heavy. But as long as you can back up your position, you'll be able to rise above it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting together with people who care for you is a great way to get that ego boost you might feel you need at this time. Things start to look brighter by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You should be able to continue with your plans once you get past those temporary delays. Surprise, surprise. An offer to help comes from a most unlikely source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing your tasks is important this week because of all those demands you have to deal with. The pressure eases in time for you to enjoy the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Save your energy and stay focused on what has to be done, despite all those distractions you're likely to face. You should see some evidence of real progress by week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a generous, giving person who is always ready, willing and more than able to help others who might be in need.

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fair will be finalized. For more information or to register for child care, please call the office of **Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator** at **508-748-1863**. Community participation is encouraged.

FORM Concerts

The next FORM (Friends of Old Rochester Music) Instrumental Concert will be held on Thursday, March 4. The FORM Choral Concert will be held on March 10. Both start at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium at ORR High School.

Both the instrumental and choral concert will feature bands from Old Hammondtown School, Sippican Elementary, Rochester Memorial and Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools. Also appearing will be string ensembles from Center School (Jean West) and Old Hammondtown (Stan Ellis). Jean West will be conducting both.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children and seniors, with a $12 family cap. Tickets are good for both nights. Proceeds from the concerts are to benefit the scholarship fund for graduating music students at ORR High School. At the conclusion of each concert there will be a combined finale of the evening's performers. All are welcome to attend.

Project GROW Cabaret

Project GROW's Parent's Group will present "Laughter at Project GROW: A Family Cabaret" on Sunday, March 7 at 1:00 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium. David Polansky is an award-winning composer who will present a fabulous rainbow of original song styles dealing with everything from junk food to world peace through song, dance and dialogue in one hour of fun. Tickets are $4 per person or $20 per family and can be purchased at Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett, the Marion General Store, or Lloyd's Market in Rochester. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863. Proceeds will benefit Project GROW and its scholarship fund. Project GROW is an integrated public preschool serving the ORR School District.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
A public hearing will be held upon the petition of NSTAR for the location of (2) proposed pole locations on Prospect Road, Mattapoisett. These proposed locations are required to eliminate anchor per customer request. Hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 7:00 PM.
Barry J. Denham, Chairman
Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk
Stephen J. Lombard 03/04, 03/11

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by CARMINE MARTIGNETTI to construct a single-family dwelling, a garage, an in-ground swimming pool, a septic system, and a walkway to the coastal beach. The project is located at Lot 7A Moorings Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Plan 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 03/04

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 7:45 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by THE KITTANSETT CLUB to repave an existing parking lot and to add crushed stone to an adjacent parking area of lawn & phragmites. The project is located at 11 Point Road, and is further identified as Lots 8, 8A and 8B on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 03/04

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#853 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael and Bethany Ripley, 21 Rounseville Road, who are seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 35 lot 17B. The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, March 25, 2004, 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way.
Richard J. Manning, Jr. Chairman
03/04, 03/11

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications and petitions:

Application of Scott E. and Jessica C. Pegurri of 10 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 10 Barstow Street. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section 5.5.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to convert an accessory structure into an additional dwelling unit. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 117 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 6:00 PM. #964.

Application and Petition of Robert E. Sullivan of 79 Franklin Street, Framingham, MA 01702 re property located at 22 Avenue "A." The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 and a Variance under Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct a single-family dwelling that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 2A, Lot 110 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 6:15 PM. #965

Application and Petition of the Town of Mattapoisett, Water/Sewer Department, of 33 Church Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located of Highland Avenue, PC and Waterview Lane. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section 5.1.5.1 and a Variance under Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct a municipal pumping station on an easement of land that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 2, part of Lot 160J on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 6:30 PM #966

Application and Petition of the Town of Mattapoisett, Water/Sewer Department, of 33 Church Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at Pine Island Road. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section 5.1.5.1 and a Variance under Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct a municipal pumping station on a easement of land that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 5, part of Lot 37 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 6:45 PM. #967.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.
Sincerely,
Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson
Scott E. Pegurri
Nancy L. O'Brien
Girard F. Oliva
Jack R. McGill 03/04, 03/11

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#854 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of George Anderson, 476 Snipatuit Road, who is seeking a variance from setback requirements under Section VIII.B. The property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 41 lot 9. The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 25, 7:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman
03/04, 03/11

SPORTS QUIZ
By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2003, Roger Clemens tied a record with his eighth pitching appearance in an All-Star Game. Who else has been to an All-Star mound eight times?
2. What manager holds the major-league record for being ejected from a game the most times?
3. In the 1983 NFL Draft, John Elway was the No. 1 overall pick. Who was No. 2?
4. Nine future NBA players were on the 1996 NCAA champion Kentucky Wildcats team. Can you name at least six of them?
5. Name the pair of NHL players who each had 50-plus goals for two consecutive seasons for the St. Louis Blues between 1992 and 1994.
6. Name the only Winston Cup points champion other than Matt Kenseth in 2003 to win only one race during his championship season.
7. Entering 2004, when was the last time a men's tennis player won more than one Grand Slam event during a given season?

Answers
1. Jim Bunning, Don Drysdale, Juan Marichal and Tom Seaver.
2. John McGraw was ejected 131 times during his managerial career (1899-1932).
3. Running back Eric Dickerson, chosen by the Los Angeles Rams.
4. Antoine Walker, Tony Delk, Walter McCarty, Mark Pope, Ron Mercer, Derek Anderson, Nazr Mohammed, Jeff Sheppard and Wayne Turner.
5. Brett Hull and Brendan Shanahan.
6. Benny Parsons in 1973.
7. Andre Agassi won the French Open and the U.S. Open in 1999.

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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Sea Shell Steppers will hold a mainstream-plus level Square and Round Dance on Saturday, March 6 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging Hall, South Main Street in Acushnet. For more information, please call 508-992-9464 or 508-947-9602.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Tri-County Symphonic Band continues its 42nd season with a concert on Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 pm in the Tabor Academy's Fireman's Performing Arts Center in Marion. Under the direction of Guest Conductor Philip Sanborn, this concert's theme is "Connecting the Community Through Music; Connecting the World Through Music."

A special feature will be performances by the Sippican School Band, under the direction of Hannah Moore. The concert will be a fundraiser for the elementary school music program as well as the Tri-County Music Association.

Some of the young musicians may populate the Tri-County Symphonic Band in the future like Sippican alumnus Stephen Wheeler. Stephen will premiere a march has has written and scored for the combined bands. A senior at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett, Stephen plans to study composition in college.

The combined bands will also team up to perform Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Flourish for Wind Band," which is based upon an English folk melody and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," with its roots in the Russian tradition.

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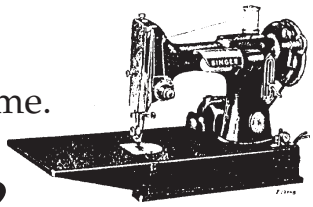

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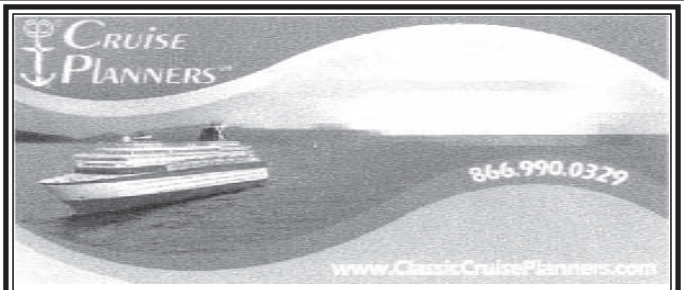

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PLANNING BOARD
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 8:30 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit application of Stephen Gormley under by-law Section 8.5.4 and 8.5.5 to allow expansion of an existing solid filled pier to include a floating dock system. Property is located at 1A Main Street and is identified on Marion Assessors Map 14 as Lot 89A and 89.
Peter F. Winters, Chairman 03/04, 03/11

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 8:45 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit application of Island Wharf Road, LLC, under by-law Section 8.5.4.3 to allow the existing marina and float system. Property is located at 2 Island Wharf Road and is identified on Marion Assessors Map 14 lot 77A.
Peter F. Winters, Chairman 03/04, 03/11

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#851 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of James Carberry, 423 High Street, who is seeking a special permit under VIII.D.6. to allow the operation of a business in the agricultural/residential district and a special permit under section VIII.D.3. to allow a sign larger than nine square feet. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 19 lot 2. The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 03/04, 03/11

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
A public hearing has been scheduled for March 15, 2004 at 7:05 PM in the first floor Conference Room of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of Irish Restaurant Company, Inc. d/b/a Kinsale Inn, 13 Water Street, Mattapoisett for a transfer of an All Alchoholic Innholder License from Goddu, Inc., d/b/a Mattapoisett Inn, 13 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA.
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Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (Gr. 7-8) 508-758-4928
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Our Director of Special Education and our principals are available to answer questions, and we invite your comments about special education in any of our schools. Any parents or members of the community who would like to have input into our planning for special education should call the Director of Special Education, or should plan to attend a meeting of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Additionally, the Marion, Mattapoisett, and Old Rochester Regional School Districts have openings for chairpersons. Please contact the Director of Special Education at the above listing if you are interested in serving on or chairing your town's Parent Advisory Council. You may reach the Chairperson for the Rochester Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Cyndy Atwood, at 508-763-3894.
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Tickets for this concert are $10 for adults and free for children under age 12. Tickets may be purchased in Dartmouth at the Symphony Music Shop, in New Bedford at the Shawmut Diner, in Marion at The Bookstall, or through the Sippican School Band. Tickets are also available at the door on the day of the concert.

Mr. Sanborn will be working with the Sippican Band in a master class format as part of this program and as part of "Music in Our Schools Month." For more information, please call 508-758-4541 or 508-996-5977.

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The first member meeting of 2004 was held on January 21 at the East Rochester Church in the cozy basement. The 23 attending members were treated to coffee and cookies while they watched the first video-taped oral history interview of Rochester Memorial School. The interviewee and that night's guest of honor was Maurice Fuller. In 2001 at the age of 76, Mr. Fuller was the Society's first videotaped oral-history interview. Pam Robinson and Sue LaFleur did the filming and interviewing which was very professional. Mr. Fuller was extremely well-prepared which added to the enjoyment of the video. He spoke about his family, his 76 years on Neck Road, and his employment with the Rochester Highway Department. Did you know Rochester still had dirt roads in the 1950s? A business meeting followed the video and the group adjourned at 10:00 pm.

The Rochester Historical Society (RHS) newsletter is out and copies can be found at the Plumb Memorial Library; Bev Loves Books; the Rochester Town Hall; and the Rochester Senior Center.

Upcoming events include a Yard Sale on April 17 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

If you want to make a fashion statement while keeping warm this winter, then you should get an embroidered, long-sleeve shirt designed by talented RHS Treasurer Betty Beaulieau. These shirts are fast-becoming the Society's best-selling item, so head to Bev Loves Books for your denim shirt today!

The Plumb Memorial Library is the unofficial site for RHS memorabilia. Be sure to stop by and pick up a map of Rochester (1704, 1797 and 1854), postcards, throws, and books on interesting Rochester history.

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Starting this year, student-athletes at ORR will gather on weekday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at ORR High School to make telephone calls to residents in the tri-town area, raising much needed funds on behalf of the Athletic Booster Club. The Booster Club is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting athletics at the ORR Senior High School.

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The ORR Athletic Booster Club meets on the first Monday of each month in the ORR High School Library. All residents of the ORR School District are welcome to attend.

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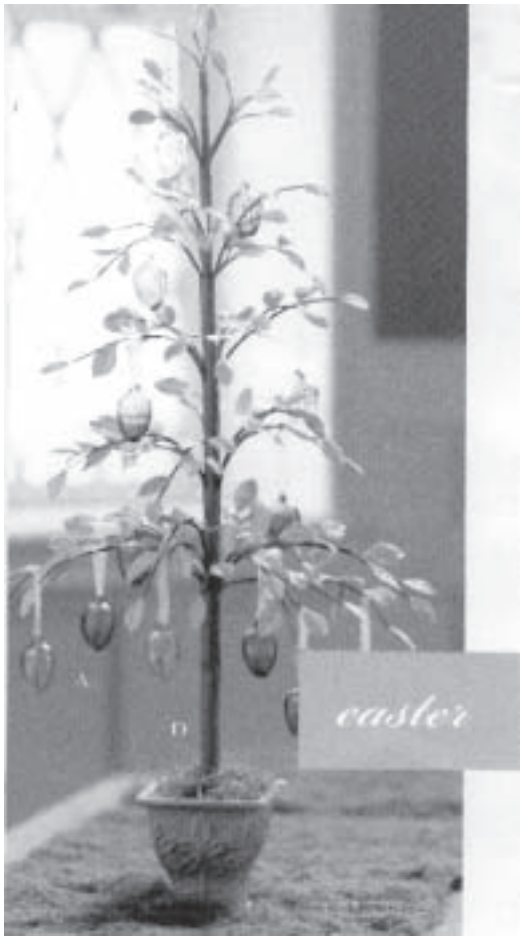

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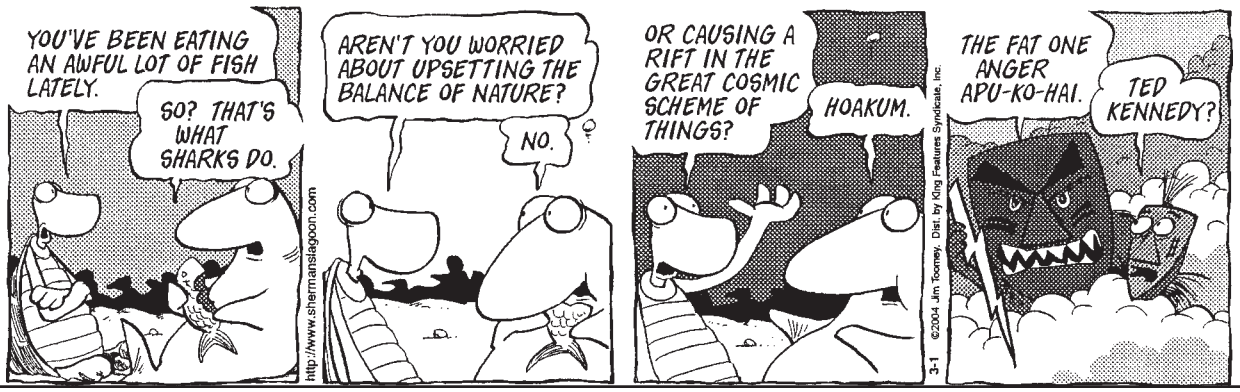

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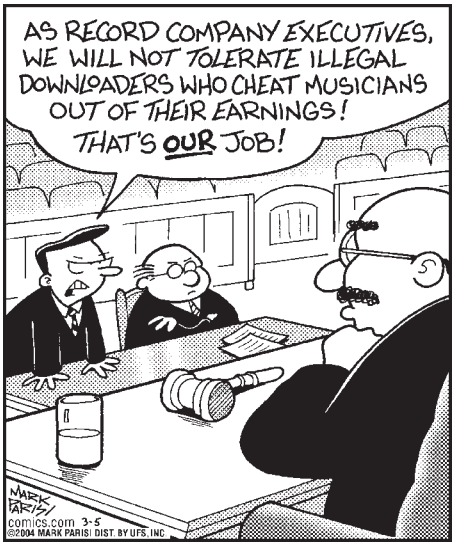

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March 4:	Thur.	6:05	6:26	. . .	12:16
March 5:	Fri.	6:43	7:05	12:01	12:52
March 6:	Sat.	7:22	7:44	12:46	1:24
March 7:	Sun.	8:02	8:25	1:29	1:56
March 8:	Mon.	8:44	9:07	2:12	2:28
March 9:	Tues.	9:29	9:53	2:54	3:02
March 10:	Wed.	10:17	10:42	3:36	3:39
March 11:	Thur.	10:17	10:42	3:36	3:39
March 12:	Fri.	. . .	12:02	5:14	5:08
March 13:	Sat.	12:33	1:01	6:22	6:08
March 14:	Sun.	1:37	2:06	8:20	7:28
March 15:	Mon.	2:46	3:16	9:48	9:08
March 16:	Tues.	3:57	4:24	10:45	10:28
March 17:	Wed.	5:02	5:24	11:31	11:27
March 18:	Thur.	5:57	6:16	. . .	12:09
March 19:	Fri.	6:45	7:02	12:17	12:41
March 20:	Sat.	7:29	7:45	1:00	1:10
March 21:	Sun.	8:11	8:26	1:39	1:39

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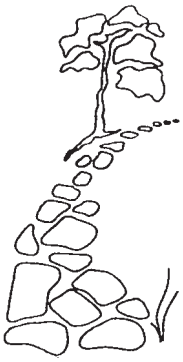

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